

a polity . . . (Interruptions)

SHRI P. UPENDRA : This was what I conceived !

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : What was conceived half heartedly by Shri Upendra was delivered by me whole heartedly.

My friend, Shri Reddy has referred to the need for expanding the network. I agree with him, but he must persuade the Parliament to grant more funds for the purpose. As it is, it gives me pride to tell you that Doordarshan has the largest terrestrial network in the world. We have more than 800 transmitters and no other broadcasting corporation in the world has this kind of a network. We need to expand it more; we need to use this for other social and educational purposes. If you get me more funds, I am more than willing to do this.

[Translation]

SHRI ILIYAS AZMI : I want to know as to how much time has been allotted for Urdu programme. Does the Minister consider that time adequate and whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government.

[English]

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : Sir, it is our endeavour that more time is spared for all Indian languages like Hindi and other languages, including Urdu. We are looking at it and we shall do our best.

[Translation]

SHRI ILIYAS AZMI : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the question which I asked has not been answered. My question was as to how much time has been allotted for Urdu programmes at the moment. In Doordarshan and whether the Government has any intention to increase the time slot or not.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : We intend to increase the time slot but I do not have the facts as to how much time has been allotted presently.

[English]

12.00 hrs.

MR. SPEAKER : Please put a one sentence question. Otherwise, the time is over.

[Translation]

KUMARI UMA BHARATI : Hon. Speaker, Sir, I want

to ask a very small question from the Minister. The former Minister had committed in the House that he would constitute a Committee of MPs soon to check obscene and vulgar programmes being telecast from the Doordarshan and the Committee would ponder over as to what sort of programmes should be made. Since Mr. Reddy is the Minister how he should tell as to what action has been taken in this regard and how long it would take to constitute that Committee.

[English]

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : The Standing Committee of Parliament on Communications is going into that question. I may also invite suggestions from you. I am worried about the vulgarity that is shown both on the big screen, on the small screen and in the foreign programmes. I share your concern. I invite your suggestions as to how our vision can be translated into reality.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Power Tariff

*23. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are Contemplating to introduce dual-power tariff from the consumers in the country;

(b) if so, whether the said dual-power tariff would be Claculated on the basis of peak-hours and normal hours;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the concept of the peak hours; and

(d) the average rate of power-tariff charged from various categories of consumers at national level as on March, 1997 and the rates proposed under the new dual power tariff systems ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, do not arise. However, in West Bengal, Kerala and Tamil Nadu. Time-of-Day (TOD) tariff has been introduced for industrial consumers provided with TOD meters. In Gujarat there is an additional charge on industrial consumers during 7.00 AM to 11.00 AM and 5.00 PM to 9.00 PM.

(d) The average rate of power tariff charged from State Electricity Boards is given in the attached various categories of consumers by different States/ Statement.

Statement

Statement showing Average Rates of Power Tariff as on 31.3.1997

S. No.	Name of Utility	Tariff Effective From	Domestic 2KW (100 Kwh/ Month)	Domestic 5KW (400 Kwh M)	Commercial 5 KW (200 Kwh M)	Comm. 10KW (1000 Kwh M)	Agriculture 10 HP 28% LF (1089 Kwh/M)	Small Ind. 10 HP 25 % LF (1361 Kwh/M)	Med. Ind 50 KW, 40% LF (14600 Kwh/M)	Large Ind. 1000 KW, 65% LF (474500 Kwh/M)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1.8.96	136.00	248.50	386.00	382.00	20.05	293.40	318.51	340.07
2.	Assam	8.9.94	105.00	230.00	315.40	363.90	150.00	178.60 81.60	227.10	214.18
3.	Bihar	1.7.93	137.00 U 44.00 R	148.75	449.00	285.00	29.09	155.09	138.54	209.99
4.	Gujarat	22.10.96	181.25 U 165.69 R	302.72 U 272.27 R	398.14	412.99	61.22	233.87	262.44	349.23
5.	Haryana	1.7.96	224.00	246.00	329.00	329.00	50.00	329.00	329.00	329.00
6.	Him. Pradesh	1.11.95	61.00	71.00	155.00	187.00	65.00	105.00	145.00	165.00
7.	Jammu & Kash.	1.4.88	54.90	54.90	91.50	91.50	12.20	48.80	48.80	48.80
8.	Karnataka	1.7.96	185.00	203.75	478.75	471.25	7.65	286.02	221.48	370.37
9.	Kerala	1.10.94	77.00	148.50	313.50	390.50	14.21	119.04	115.65	116.57
10.	Madhya Pradesh	1.7.96	90.00	163.25	379.83	431.83	45.91	185.00	337.34	387.60
11.	Maharashtra	1.7.96	122.50	249.00	401.90	470.10	38.26	208.30	487.12	373.61
12.	Meghalaya	1.9.96	85.00	103.75	176.00	184.00	56.00	149.49	168.43	156.07
13.	Orissa	21.5.96	98.75	155.94	265.00	295.00	70.00	105.00	250.00	306.58
14.	Punjab	11.7.96	135.25	168.06	269.00	269.00	52.75	195.00	210.00	233.00
15.	Rajasthan	1.10.96	132.50	158.88	247.50	269.50	41.46	214.00	254.00	2735.00
16.	Tamil Nadu	1.2.95	90.00	152.50			0.00	286.30	—	—
	Madras Metro Area				330.75	347.55			292.07	288.53
	Non Metro Area				320.25	337.05			281.57	278.03
17.	Uttar Pradesh	3.1.97	145.00 U 38.50 R	186.25	234.87	334.87	47.29	290.44	—	—

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Non Continuous Ind.								300.23	326.86
	Continuous Ind.								317.82	53.06
18.	West Bengal	19.11.96	127.68 U 123.01 R	257.33 U 250.24 R	282.04 U 276.21 R	385.38 U 379.15 R	85.00	276.09 U 262.80 R	334.14	313.31
19.	Arunachal Pradesh	1.3.93	95.00	135.00	210.00	235.00	—	185.00	195.00	250.00
20.	Goa	1.3.97	85.00	112.50	216.25	262.25	50.00	150.00	192.33	228.69
21.	Manipur	30.10.92	87.20	177.20	252.20	162.20	72.20	91.18	100.14	78.64
22.	Mizoram	1.3.92	85.00	90.00	100.00	116.00	45.00	95.00	95.00	105.00
23.	Nagaland	1.12.95	200.00	275.00	300.00	350.00	150.00	250.00	275.00	275.00
24.	Sikkim	1.4.95	80.00	110.00	155.00	163.00	122.04	126.63	186.44	113.85
25.	Tripura	1.6.92	100.00	100.00	140.00	140.00	60.00	100.00	110.00	—
26.	A&N Island	1.11.94	75.00	90.00	200.00	200.00	50.00	180.00	180.00	—
27.	Chandigarh	19.1.95	96.50	135.25	191.00	191.00	36.25	122.00	155.00	176.00
28.	D & N Haveli	1.2.87	72.50	85.63	122.00	124.40	50.00	170.10	170.36	188.86
29.	Daman & Diu	1.10.94	87.50	106.88	125.00	165.00	50.00	120.00	151.89	168.29
30.	Delhi (DESU)	1.10.93	63.00	152.25	302.00	302.00	52.50	268.80	281.00	334.04
	(NDMC)	5.11.93	63.00	152.25	254.89	254.89	—	212.89	233.09	—
31.	Lakshadweep	1.10.96	100.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	—	100.00	100.00	—
32.	Pondicherry	1.11.94	55.00	77.00	100.00	226.00	7.27	132.06	134.73	166.31
33.	Ahmedabad Elec. Co.	11.1.95	228.29	293.39	395.34	431.13	223.09	259.37	288.62	323.94
34.	Calcutta (CESC)	1.1.95	100.43	263.10	255.60	327.38	—	254.50	292.13	310.85
35.	D.V.C.	1.10.96	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	(a) Bihar Area						—	—	—	225.50
	(b) W.B. Area						—	—	—	240.08
36.	Durgapur Projects Ltd.	10.2.95	92.43	255.10	239.90	311.50	199.00	223.93	273.38	262.40
37.	Mumbai (B.E.S.T.)	1.8.94	86.10	226.06	431.78	526.78	—	415.55	445.87	264.21

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
(B.S.E.S.)		1.8.94	170.35	337.47	524.00	550.60	50.00	498.72	466.52	392.36
(TATAs)		1.8.94	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	296.71
AV. Rates			109.08	177.40	273.64	295.28	62.53	196.76	232.93	252.01
U-Urban		R- Rural								

N.E.E.P.C.O.

*27. SHRI BAJU BAN RIYAN : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the scheduled dates for completion of Ramachandranagar 84 MW (gas based), Agartala; Doyang (Hydel), Nagaland and Ranganadi (Hydel), Arunachal Pradesh, Power Projects of North-Eastern Electric Power Corporation (NEEPCO):

(b) whether the Ramachandranagar Power Project of Tripura is running behind the schedule owing to lapses on the part of ONGC and GAIL; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to ensure the timely completion of the said project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) The details of the latest schedule of completion of Ramachandranagar 84 MW (Gas Based), Agartala; Doyang (Hydel), Nagaland and Ranganadi (Hydel), Arunachal Pradesh, Power Projects of North Eastern Electric Power Corporation (NEEPCO) are given below :

Sl. Project No.	Latest Commissioning Schedule
1. Agartala Gas Based Power Project Ramachandranagar, Agartala (21x4=84 MW)	Unit I - Nov.'97 Unit II - Dec.'97 Unit III - Jan.'98 Unit IV - Feb.'98
2. Doyang Hydro-electric Project Nagaland (25x3-75 MW)	Unit I - Mar.'98 Unit II - Sep.'98 Unit III - Oct.'98
3. Ranganadi Hydro-electric Project Arunachal Pradesh (135x3=405 MW)	Unit I - Mar.'99 Unit II - June'99 Unit III - Sep.'99

(b) and (c) Agartala Gas Based Power Project is

running behind the schedule not because of the lapses on the part of ONGC and GAIL, but because of the difficulties encountered by NEEPCO in transportation of heavy equipment comprising 8 heavy packages of about 98 MT each, which were to be transported from Germany to Calcutta by shipment; from Calcutta to Badarpur Ghat-Karimganj (Assam) by Inland Water ways and then by road to the project site via Karimganj.

The delay has taken place due to receding of water at Badarpur Ghat thereby making it impossible to off load the packages. Hence special ramps were constructed for this purpose. In addition, due to incessant rains & flash floods, culverts, bridges and by passes had to be repaired and strengthened to enable the transportation of these equipments to the project site. Due to bad condition of the roads, the special low bed trailers and prime movers had broken down on number of occasions and had to be repaired after importing spares from Germany. Now that all the required materials and machinery have reached the project site, the execution of work is in progress.

[Translation]

Spreading of Indecent Culture through Foreign Channels

*28. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to check invasion of Indian culture and the spread of influence of obscenity through foreign channels ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : Government have already introduced a Broadcasting Bill in the Parliament, which, among other things, seeks to regulate the foreign satellite channels and bring them within the ambit of Indian laws and regulations including a broadcasting code which inter alia would provide for promotion of Indian culture and prohibition of obscenity, etc.